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Baptist Church at Sparta, Alleghany County, N. C., Friday,

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR.

J. H. Doughton, Laurelsprings, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

J. M. Wagoner, Whitehead, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. H. Doughton, Chairman.
Isaac Boyer, W. C. Fields, N. H. Jones, W. B. Cheek.

MINISTERS.

L. D. Vaughan,	Dell, Va.
James Shumate,	Sparta, N. C.
J. O. Burchett,	Amorita, Va.
R. K Johnson,	Sparta, N. C.
F. B. Cheek,	Whitehead, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Presbytery, Revs. T. M. Duncan, E. Tucker, and R. L. Shoaf appointed by the Ashe and Alleghany Association, to organize the churches in Alleghany county in an association met this day with Sparta church.

Elder E. Tucker preached the introductory sermon from 1st Chor. 3rd chapter, 11 verse, "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."

The convention took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order and on motion Elder T. M. Duncan was elected Moderator, pro tem and by request J. M. Wagoner acted as secretary, pro tem.

By request of Moderator, Bro. W. C: Fields explained the object of the meeting.

The following letter was read from the Ashe and Alleghany association:

FOREST HOME BAPTIST CHURCH, Ashe Co., N. C.,
Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1897.

The Ashe and Alleghany Associction, now in its eleventh annual session. and whereas, the churches of our union situated in Alleghany county, N. C., having a year ago asked for a committee to consider the propriety of dividing our churches, and upon hearing the reports of said committee and the minds of our brethren upon this matter it was unanimously agreed that this association be divided with the line separating Ashe and Alleghany counties, and that the following named churches in Alleghany county, now members of this body, be granted letters of dismission from our union for the purpose of forming another association, with other churches, of same faith and order, and they will be dismissed from us when such organization is accomplished, viz: New Hope, Liberty, (of Alleghany), Sparta, Laurelsprings, Belleview, Calloway's Chapel, Chest-

nut Grove. These are members in good and regular standing with us and are separated from us at their own request. We pray that the blessings of God may attend their efforts and that great good may result from this action,

Done by order of the association and assigned in behalf of the same by

J. H. DOUGHTON, Moderator.
H. A. ELLER, Clerk.

Then letters from these churches, together with a letter from Brush Creek church, dismissed from the New River association in good standing, and Toliver School House a newly constituted church were read, brethren W. C. Fields and R. L. Shoaf acting as reading clerks.

The following visiting brethren reported themselves and took seats with the body, W. G. Young, New River association; Isom Burchett and J. N. Burchett, Elkin association; A. C. Hamby and D. W. Lee, Stony Fork association.

CONSTITUTION, RULES OF ORDER AND ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

On motion the Constitution (except Art. 1), Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles of the Ashe and Alleghany association were adopted.

NAME.

The Moderator appointed W. C. Fields, J. H. Doughton, T. R Windsor as a committee to name the association. They reported the name, "Alleghany and Grayson" which was adopted.

OFFICERS.

The Association was now declared organized by T. M. Duncan, Moderator of Presbytery. Bro. J. H. Doughton was elected Moderator and Bro. J. M. Wagoner, Clerk of the Association.

GALENA CHURCH.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee to investigate the letter from Galena church, viz: Jas. Vaughan, F. B. Cheek, R. K. Johnson. The committee

reported favorably and the church was received.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION.

On motion this Association adopt the form of Church Letter to association and Order of Business as that of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The chair appointed T. R. Widsor, S. O. Edwards, E. Leff Wagoner as a nominating committee. They reported J. H. Doughton, W. C. Fields, Isaac Boyer, N. H. Jones. W. B. Cheek as an Executive Committee. Then report was adopted,

TIME AND PLACE.

F. W. Cheek, N. H. Jones. F. S. Andrews were appointed as a committee on time and place of next meeting. They reported as follows: Thursday before second Sunday in October, 1898. Brush Creek church, Virginia. Rev F. B. Cheek to preach the annual sermon. J. O. Burchett, alternate.

STANDING COMMITEEES.

Foreign Missions—F. B. Cheek, L. D. Vaughan, E. A. Womble.

Home Missions—N. H. Jones, W. B. Cheek, Jas. Vaughan.

State Missions—T. R. Windsor, J. M. Wagoner, R. K. Johnson.

Education—E. Leff Wagoner, Isaac Boyer, Z. T. Bagby.

Orphanage—J. C. Jones, Jas. Shumate, F. W. Cheek.

Colportage—J. O. Burchett, W. I. Harp, Geo. Wagoner.

Periodicals—T. R. Windsor, S. O. Edwards, W. F. Doughton.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Cheek, W. F. Doughton, W.C. Fields.

Temperance—L. D. Vaughan. Wm. Andrews, B. B. Brooks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Elkin—F. B. Cheek, E. Leff Wagoner,

New River—W. C. Fields, T. R. Windsor.

Ashe—J. H. Doughton, J. M. Wagoner and L. D. Vaughan.

Brushy Mt.—E. D. Lovett.

Three Fork—J. O. Burchett, E. Leff Wagoner.

STATE CONVENTION.

Bro. J. H. Doughton was elected to attend the Baptist StateConvention, Bro. W. C. Fields, alternate.

CLERK INSTRUCTED.

The clerk was instructed to have as many minutes printed and distributed as fund would allow.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution were offered by Bro. W. C. Fields.

Resolved, That this Association is grateful and do now express their sincere obligations to brethren T. M. Duncan, R. L. Shoaf and E. Tucker for their prompt, efficient, and self sacrificing work in the organization of this Association.

ADJOURN.

On motion the Association adjourned to time and place before named. Prayer by Bro. L. D. Vaughan.

J. H. Doughton Moderator.

J. Wagoner Clerk and Treas.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NEAREST P. O.	MEMBERSHIP.
Bellview,	Olney N. C.,	16
Brush Creek,	Independence, Va.,	115
Calloways Chapel,	Amelia. N. C.,	20
Chestnut Grove,	Hooker, N. C.,	16
Galena,	Dell, Va..	43
Laurel Springs,	Laurelsprings, N. C.,	14
Liberty,	Whitehead, N. C.,	41
New Hope,	Prather's Creek, N. C.,	60
Toliver School House,	Sparta, N. C.,	21
Sparta,	Sparta, N. C.,	24
	Total,	370

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This body shall be called "The Alleghany and Grayson Association."

2. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the association will be co operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

3. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing the as ociation, and three delegates from each, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

4. At each annual cession of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, in such way as the association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

5. The moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees and perform such other duties as are usually required of presibing officers.

6. The clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings

7. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the association, pay them out as the association may direct, and make report at each annual session.

8. The association shall hold annual meetings at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

9. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this association and co operate with the State Mission board of the Baptist State convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

10. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Bap-

tist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperance.

11. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

22. The association will not receive or retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

13. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual session.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God head, the Father Son and Holy Ghost. and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the word of God and only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereingty of God.

4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lotd's Supper are ordinances institued by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6. We believe that baptism is the immersion of believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We beleve in the resurrection of the dead and a General judgment.

9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration and that the happiness of the righteous and the pnnishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

CHURCHES AND THEIR OFFICERS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES.
Bellview	F B Cheek	Whitehead, N C	J W Phouts	Olney, N C	Not represented.
Brush Creek	L D Vaughan	Dell, Va	T R Windsor	Independence, Va	J C Vaughan, Floyd Andrews, T R Windsor
Calloways Ch'l	J O Burchett	Amorita, Va	L W Andrews	Amelia. N C	J O Burchett, A J. Calloway,
Chestn't Grove	D J Roberts	Cherry Lane, N C	B B Brooks	Hooker, N C	R K Johnson, Wm. Andrews, B B Brooks.
Galena	L D Vaughan	Dell, Va	G Edwards	Dell, Va	L D Vaughan, G Edwards, O M Moore.
Laurelsprings	Jas Shumate	Sparta. N C	W F Doughton	Laurelsprings. N C	J H Doughton. E D Lovett, J S Lawrence.
Liberty	Jas Shumate	Sparta, N C	J M Wagoner	Whitehead, N C	F W Cheek, J M Wagoner. E Leff Wagoner.
New Hope	Jas Shumate	Sparta, N C	Allen Jones	Prather's Cr'k, N C	N H Jones, S O Edwards, D Wm Jones.
Toliver S. H.	Jas Shumate	Sparta, N C	Wm Maines	Sparta, N C	Wm Maines, W H Shumate, John Sexton.
Sparta	Jas Shumate	Sparta, N C	W C Fields	Sparta, N C	W I Harp, E A Womble, W C Fields.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER FROM CHURCH TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Clerks of the churches will please write their letters by this form.

THE .... BAPTIST CHURCH.

To the Alleghany and Grayson Association—Greeting:
We send as Messengers, Brethren.....
Alternates.....

STATISTICS.

ADDED.	LOST.	MEMBERSHIP.
Baptized.....	Dis'd by Letter..	Males.....
Rec'd by Letter..	Excluded.....	Females... ....
Restored.....	Died.....	.....
Total.....	Total.....	Total.....

CHURCH EXPENSES		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Pastor's Salary.....	$....	State Missions.....	$ ...
Incidential Expenses.	....	Home Missions	....
Poor.....	....	Foreign Missions ..	....
Minute Fund.....	....	Education	....
Repairs	....	Colportage	....
Other Objects.....	....	Sunday School.....	....
		Orphanage	....
Total.....	....	Total	....
Grand Total.....			....

Pastor..... Post Office.....
Clerk of Church..... Post Office.....
Time of Preaching.....
Ordained Ministers. (Give number, names and P. O's.)
Remarks.....
Read and approved by the church in conference the....
day of....189.. .....Moderator,
.....Church Clerk.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body, and not over fifteen minutes at a time.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon, 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers. 4. Reception of new churches. 5. Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, Abstract of Principles. 6. Appointment of Committees. 7, Report of Executive Committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9. Report of Committees. 10. Miscellaneous.